DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

REVIEWING THE REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR, 1926-27.

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Report on the working of the Archaeological Department during the year 1926-27, received with letter No. 14627, dated 2nd March 1928, from the Registrar, Mysore University.

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Recorded.

1. The Director and his Assistants toured in all the Districts of the State except Shimoga. A detailed survey of monuments was made during the year in parts of the Taluks of Channarayapatna, Devanhalli, Tiptur, Kolar, Tumkur, Hiriyur and Hosadurga and among the monuments so surveyed, the Iswara Temple at Gangavara in Devanhalli Taluk and the Channakesava and the Gangadhareswara Temples at Kaidala in Tumkur Taluk are the most important. The temples at Kaidala are reported to be in a neglected condition and in need of urgent repairs although they have got large landed endowments. The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, is requested to report whether it is not possible to provide for the proper maintenance of the monuments by an effective administration of the temple lands. The report does not show what action has been taken by the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, in regard to the repair of the temples at Honnavara referred to in paragraph 2 of the Government Review on the last year's report and the Director is requested to submit a report in the matter. It is reported that Aimangala, a village 12 miles to the north of Hiriyur, contains an old fort in ruins, that the place is full of interest from an archaeological point of view and that excavations on the site may yield interesting relics. The Director is requested to investigate the matter more fully and submit a report.

An examination of Vimalabodhacharya's manuscript commentary on enigmatic verses contained in the Mahabharata was made during the year and the date of the Mahabharata war and the form of calendar in use during the epic period are reported to have been ascertained. New facts stated to have been gathered by an examination of printed books are—

(1) the form of secret writing referred to in the Arthasastra,
(2) the date of the Arthasastra,
(3) the age of Kannada, Bhamaha, Vachaspatimisra and Mallinathasuri, and,
(4) the initial years of the Gupta Era in A. D. 200-201 with reference to the Bhattakapatra grant of Dharasena II of Vallabhi.

The total number of records collected during the year was 172, including 20 copper plate grants and 9 sannads. A metallic processional image of Siva and a plaster model of the famous Mathura Lion Capital were added to the Archaeological Museum.

Government are glad to note that a large number of the monuments in the State were inspected during the year by the officers of the Revenue Department and that inspection reports were furnished to the Director of Archaeological Researches. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to issue needful instructions to the officers who have not yet inspected the monuments in their jurisdiction and to see that all the monuments are inspected at least once a year and that inspection reports are furnished promptly.

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